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GROWTH WITH EQUITY IN MINDANAO (GEM-2) PROGRAM EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT IN ARMM AND CAAM

Computer Literacy and Internet Connection (CLIC) Program

BACKGROUND



Working with Parent-Teachers-Community Associations (PTCAs) and school administrators, GEM-2's **Computer Literacy and Internet Connection (CLIC) Program** provides selected schools with satellite or microwave-based Internet connections, up to ten computers, local area network, printer, relevant software, range of computer reference materials, and training for teachers.

Utilizing computers and network connections provided through the CLIC Program, students establish e-mail accounts, communicate with other students throughout the world, utilize the vast resources of the Internet to conduct research on various academic topics while teachers enhance the students learning experience by spicing up their lessons with additional inputs from the Internet.

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OBJECTIVES

The **GEM Computer Literacy and Internet Connection (CLIC) Program** supports the efforts of the Philippine Government and the ARMM Department of Education to integrate internet and computer education in schools. Under the CLIC program, GEM assists beneficiary schools in the ARMM and neighboring conflict-affected areas in Mindanao.



The objectives of the CLIC program are to:

- accelerate the introduction of internet and computer education in schools;
- strengthen classroom learning and instruction by expanding access to varied sources of information; and
- link and expose students and teachers to a wide array of global information.

A CLIC BENEFICIARY SCHOOL WILL BE SUPPORTED THRU THE FF:

- Provision of up to ten desktop computers, a printer, basic software, and LAN
- Internet connection for schools with access to telephone and Internet Service Providers (ISPs)
- Training for teachers, students and Parent-Teacher-Community Association (PTCA) members on the use of computers
- Mobilization of community support and resources to help sustain the operations of the computer facilities
- Assistance in developing capability within beneficiary schools to undertake regular maintenance and first echelon repair services for both hardware and software
- Assistance in establishing internet-based activities and programs such as school-sponsored chat rooms and e-groups.

WHAT SCHOOLS QUALIFY AS CLIC BENEFICIARIES?

Beneficiary schools in the ARMM and neighboring conflict-affected areas of Mindanao are selected based on access to stable electric supply, telephone lines and an ISP.

The following conditions and commitments are required for CLIC recipients:

1. PTCA resolution expressing support for the CLIC project; active involvement of other community organizations
2. Computer room and furniture
3. Payment of electricity bills
4. Provision for annual repair and maintenance costs after the first year of installation of computers
5. Annual Internet subscription after the first year of connection
6. One or two teachers to schedule the use of computers, and who are willing to be trained on the use of computers and Internet
7. One or two staff to be trained on computer repair and maintenance



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CLIC PARTNERS



CLIC is being implemented in partnership with several organizations. These include, the Microsoft Corporation, the Intel Corporation, STI Education Services Group (a computer training organization), and the Ayala Foundation, Inc. (AFI). Partnerships have also been established with the Governments of Australia and Japan, with the ARMM and national Departments of Education, and of course, with the individual schools and PTCAs participating in the program.

